NEWS OF THE THRATERS. Unless a delay now unforessen comes to pass "The Gondoliers" will be heard for the first time by an Amer toan audience at the Park Theatre next Theaday even DE. All five readers are familiar with the business ar amenia by which this production is made possible. The Park is already in the possession of Manager A. M. Palmer, whose employees will conduct the theatre in their usual courtsons and careful way. There will be some necessary innovation and meaning of the house before its reopening. The D'Oyly Carte company, which is to sing the new upera here, has been organized under the direction of Carte and the anthora, and it will have had the valuable benefit of an observation of the savoy performances, as well as plenty of relicarsals, so that there should be no postponement on account of upread-fisces. The scenery was painted in this city from the original models, and is already in place and in smooth working order. Good judges of musical successes units expecting the new piece to duplicate in this country its English triumph. That would mean a long city season for "The Goudollera." which would necessarily be continued at Paimer's own theatre after its two months at the Park.

Music will fill the Amberg all the week through. On Ronday there will be the "cypny Haron," with Streit-mann: on Tuesday, "Orpheus," on Wednesday, for the first time, Strauses "A Night in Venice," with Streitmann and all the leading artists, including Schultz, es Hr. Rotter, Zimmermann, Engiaender, and Haich, and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "A Night

A musical troups ne's to us, but commended by Brook A musical treeps new to us, but commended by Brook-ps and other cities, comes to the Har-sem Opera House this week to sing two standard works. "The Unimes of Normandy" and "Fatinitas." Planquette's tuneful opera will be heard Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday eventurs, and Suppe's work at all the other performances. The new company is headed by Mrs. Emms Heary Thomas, who used to be a loader in the sisson-pure church choir "Pinators" troups of ten years ago. Alice Mesereau is the merso soprano, Annie Lee the contraito, C. A. Parsons and Percy Averill the barisons, A. G. Nichols and Emmett Draw the tenors, and J. W. Macy and C. A. Hetral the bassos. All these singers are young and the ladies of comely appearance. The chorus is of full size. Manager Hammerstein an nonnees that he will try the experiment of reduced prices at the Saturday matines during this engagement. Next week he will have Marie Walnwright a production "Twelfth Night."

"The Brigands" will be heard once more on the Casino's stage to-morrow night as a rather welcome re-lief to the immensely successful but prolonged "Er-minia." For several months one of the Casino's two troupes has presented this Offenbach opera out of town, most cities the metropolitan success was re-The return of Lillian Russell, Isabelie Urqubart Panny Rice, Fred Solomon, R. F. Carroll, Anna O'Reefe and the others must be accounted an event of some doint. No doubt the opera will be sung with all its for mer vim and brillancy. Later there will be a revival of "The Grand Duchesa" which is old, but always good. But there sught to be newness in the Casino s prodone considering that house's fame as an introducer of important light operas. In this revival, however, fresh-ness is promised in the costumes and in the humor and melody. A Spanish dance will be interpolated.

Another Hoyt farce, "A Tin Soldier," will be the Bijou's effering. It has, only a week to stay, and it to last that time easily enough, for it has some fresh songs and an entirely new cast. Louis Wesley, who used to be in the vaudevilles, is,now the *Hatt*, instead of Powers, and Paul Dresser, who can write sentimental ballada, is Tac Plumber, in place of the younger Bonifac Fannie Bloodgood, St. George Hussey, Nellie Haw Fannie Bioongood, at Goorge in the cast. Most of these have been in the variety business, but they are elever enough for Hoyt's farms or they wouldn't have seen engaged. The piece this season is managed by Frank Mokes, who pays to Hort a good royalty for its use. Next week "A Midnight Bell" comes to the Bijon, with Richards. Caufield, dainty Maude Adams, and littie Dot Clarendon in the cast.

West siders will go to the Grand Opera House this week use "A Parior Match" is to be reproduced there by Evans, Hoey, and their company of comedians. The joily French girl, Lillian Markhain, who used to be a serio-comic of note in the vaudevilles, and other clever performers will give to the popular farce a good re ival Evans and Hosy continue to accumulate wealth with this enjoyably absurd piecs. Next week the Grand will give "The Brigands," by the Carleton opera troups ton heads the company, and they have a librett which is not meant to infringe upon the Aronson rights. So there will be a good chance to compare the two revivals. Carieton sings in town very seldom si left the Casine forces to try his own skill as a manager

Kester & Bial's music hall has a prolongation of "Don Juan" and "Our army and Navy." Besides, there are audeville actors and a retention of those who, were best liked in last week's bill.

Dien Boucleault's long-lasting melodrams, "After Bark," recently produced on the west side, will have an airing at the People's in the Bowery, this west, with the W. A. Brady company as its interpretera. elf, a young actor and manager of energy and skill, will play Old Tom. The railroad scene. for the persention of which Brady is legally fighting Augustin Daly, is used in this piece. "The Still Alarm" will be the Poople's familiar visitation all next week. The proprictors of this play may squabble among themselves, but the piece endures remarkably well, and it is still a valuable bit of property.

In the lewer Bowery the Windsor's audiences this week will see a familiar actor and a well-liked play in James A. Herne and "Drifting Apart." Originally testd at the People's, this domestic melodrama, which has a suggestion of "May Biossom" in its general construc-tion, has since travelled widely, and has endured its ions life with good results. It is of ,the tone which get erally suits the Windsor audiences, because it has benest emotions plenty of stirring speeches and some picturesque scenery to help it. Eatherine Corcoran Herns. a good actres and an attractive woman, has the chief female rôle, and there is a Boston newcomer in the cast in the person of Ada Langley, from Beacon street with a Mewion endorsement as an amateur. Miss Langley's ent appearance in her own city was important to take the Governor and his staff to see her. Elis is a delicate and pretty little woman. Next week Prector's idelised German star, Charles T. Ellis, will sartya "Casner, the Yodier" at the Windsor.

James H. Wallick, the Third Avenue's new star, is re to please Manager Jacobs's exacting supporters. and pienty of value for their meney. Wallick who demand pienty of value for their manay, has visited them often, and he knows their capacity. "The land his reparatory "The Cattle King." "The Ban dis King," and "Sam Houston, the Here of Texas;" but mly the last named is strange to this city. He has used it a great deal out of town, and it ought to be smooth when he tries it this week. The ensuing play at Jacobe's will be "Shadows of a Great City." which has finally hed the popular-price circuits.

There is no pause as yet in the abundant success of "As You Like It" at Daly's. The happiest comedy of Shakespeare has never had a merrier interpretation on this stage, and perhaps not on any other. Ada Seban's ad is a fine figure to please Daiy's faithful followers, and there is enough of Drew and Lewis in the play to make it fulfil all the Day requirements. The run will be broken again Tuesday evening, when there will be her subscription performance of some past success.

The best-paying long run among the several current at the city theatres seems now to be that of 'The aty fair" at the Union Square. Barnard's quaint play and Burgon's funny acting in it have gone through the holiday season astonishingly well, for at no time has Manager Hill's pretty theatre contained many vacont seats. With no aid of sensation in any of its features, the piece nevertheless grows in favor as its stay engthess. It will undoubtedly remain all the season at its present home, and it may not even then be worn out.

"Aunt Jack's" triumph at the Madison Square is undisturbed. It should amply compensate Manager Pa mae for the disappointment attendant upon the closing of the "Little Lord Fauntieroy" matiness, which taper-ed off in interest and in attendance until their disconoe became advisable. The present farce will coally last invespring, and it will be a subsequent mint as a tour piece if Agnes Booth travels with it. "A Man of the World" is still the associated play in the Madison

figuare's programme. A metropolitan institution like ' The Old Homestead at the Academy fierdly needs praiseworthy reference at this day. It is not easy to slight it, though, and it is just impossible to forget it, for it has been with couple of years and still it comfortably fills the big old whomse seven times a week. Denman Thompson has an conspicuously free from his old foe, rheumatism, been conspicuously free from his old for rheumatism, this season and that is probably why he plays Uncle Josh so cheerily. The case has not been changed in a

There is to be another souvenir night at Proctor's Twenty-third Street by and by. "Shenandosh" will here its 150th New York performance on Jan. 23, and that event will be of note sufficient to warrant the tokens. Howard's play will last here until Feb. 37.

The new dance movements executed by the sixteen young women at the Eden Muses seem to have met with instant popularity. Their fencing features and club awinging is also looked upon favorably. The world in was and hydely! Nacri's Hungarian band continue as

Another singer just imported from the London music halle by Tony Fastor is winning her way into the good graces of the vandeville rendervous on Fourteenth street. Hisr cames is Jennie Valmora and she possesses a pleasing face, winsome ways, and a sweet, intelligent voice Miss Valmore's specialty is rather in the way of dress changes, and, though her costumes are unusually rich, she is somewhat slow in her transitions. This defect is easily forgives, however, when the Swinding flavor of her refrains is takes in the consideration. Altogether, Miss Valmore is a control of altogether, when the consideration. Altogether, Miss Valmore is the did ded are if recorded in the County Circk's office at Lake George, N. T., the county seat of Warren evently. H. H. Harrer, M. Market street, Philadelphia.

vaudeville vocalists, and it is grainfying to know that her term at Paster's will continue for a month of more. Among the other entertainers this week are Sheridan and Firms, the originators of the McGintylton; Flor. Moore an able singer; Onyer and Goodwin, a good sketch team; Frank Rush, an old and well-liked comedian; the Putnam Sisters, dancers; leabella Ward, the French Family, and Prof. Morley's Fata Morgana.

One of the recognized features at "The Battle o Gettpsburg" is an improved phonograph, which houriv reals off music, soft and appropriate to the surroundings. The great painting is still a potent attraction.

This will be the fourth and finishing week of Marie

Wainwright's presentation of "Twelfth Night" at the Pifth Avenue. The attendance has steadily increased since the opening night, and, thus fortified by the pub lic purse as well as the praise of the critics. Miss Wainwright must see reason to be gratified at the reception of her work and of the production. It was her first as a jone star, and she has succeeded in so firmly fixing success here that we may confidently look for a series of important legitimate productions at her hands. It is not easy to recall any simi-lar triumph in Shakesperean comedy since Terry quitted us. Next week there will come to the Fifth Avenue another American actress, no seas brilliant than Miss Walinwright, but younger and with a smaller following of admirers. This is Julia Mariowe, who has been talked about more ont of town than in it, yet whose main hope is in the capture of the metropolia. Managed from the first with a singularly shrewd eye to her ultimate. New York triumph, and surrounded by as good a company and a cessories as lavish expenditure can procure Miss Mar-lows will this time make her very strongest bid for the town sendoresement. Bas is to be here two months, playing a repertory that must try her abilities the utmost. She has been regarded here tofore as in the experimental stage, and erhaps she may not yet have left it altogether; but out of town she has undeniably conquered her andlences, and at least two cities-Boston and Philadelphia-have been fervid in her praise. But it was here that her debut was made, and that Tuz Sun saw the promise of her early efforts. After her there will be on view another and still younger American player. Cora Edsall, a nevice in training under J. M. Hill's direction. She is handsome, it is known, and she has talent of some sort, else Mr. Hill would scarcely stand sponsor for her. To add to the novelty of her debut she will appear in a new play by Henry Guy Carleton.

At the Lyceum "The Charity Ball" retains in At the Lyceum

Strength to draw and mightily interest targe and handsome audiences. There are no finer gatherings at any
city theairs than those in the Lyceum's chairs nowadays. Mrs. Burnett's new piece, "Phyllia," which is a
Lyceum futurity, has been tested in Boston to the satsfaction of Manager Frohman, and we may safely count it among next season's new things at this theatre. It will probably not be needed this winter.

"The Seven Ages" is in its third month at the Standard, with a souvenir night approaching so closely that aiready you can purchase seats for the gay and feative event. Direy and his troupe are actually making this buriesque a merrier and merrier entertainment as it gets older. He has recovered from the severs cold which interfered with his performance l week, and, as a consequence, the entire buriesque has resumed its map and brilliancy. The songs which were to have been introdu the comedian's want of voice, will be put forward this

In a fortnight we shall lose the London Galety burlesquers from the Broadway's stage, where, since Florence St John's arrival, they have put forth a relishable entertainment of song and dance and good scenery. entertainment of soin and another the spring, after a tour that must bring profit to them, for Miss St. John is the savior of the show, who will charm and delight provincials. On Jan. 20 Elsie Leslie will appear at the Broadway in Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper," dramatized by Abby Sage Richardson. The piece has been tried in Philadelphia during the past formight, and it didn't anywhere near duplicate the "Fauntieroy" hit, that is sure. But it has a first-rate cast, and little Leslie is always an interesting figure on the stage, so its coming will be welcome, now that we are not overburdened with new things in the theatres. "The Prince and the Pauper" may be at the Broadway two months. Afterward Shea will make her first New York appearance in a number of years.

"Kajanka's" farewell to Niblo's ought to fill the old playhouse this week, for the piece has had an amasing success there. No more may the Kiraitys lay claim to a monopoly of spectagis here. Next week David Hen-derson's "Bluebeard Jr.," a production modelled after his "Crystal Slipper," of Standard memory, will have its first city performance. It is sure to be a scenic surprise, because Henderson spends money freely; and there are likely to be good comedians and dancers in the cast too. There will be five weeks of "Bluebeard, Jr." instead of six, as at first arranged. Later, Ullie Abstratrom is to play a long engagement with Manager Glimore, trying a new play or two during her visit.

Fanny Davenport's revival of "La Tosca" at the Star will close with next Saturday night's performance, and then she will continue her hugely profitable tour of the circuits. A week from to-morrow night New York will for the first time greet as a star on his own accou William H. Crane, and see for the first time the Lloyd-Rosenfeld comedy, "The Senator." Crane's engage-ment is for eight weeks, yet it may not be too long, for this admirable and ambitious actor has a friendly public here, and he has been so long away from us as to make his return welcome. In his company is that popular player and charming woman, Georgie Drew Barrymore. After Crane, Jefferson and Florence come back.

The Mansfield picture of the life and times of "Richard III." is still on view at Palmer a, to the curlosity and generally the admiration of good-sized audiences.

William Hanlon's inventive cleverness has contributed a new illusion, called "Decapitation," to the field of tricks in "Fantasma" which will go away from the Fourteenth Street after this week. It has been vigorously applieded at every performance, thanks to the work of its specialists and of Rose Forte, the handsome girl who enacts Funtarma. Next week there will be an elaborate revival of the time-honored "Carsican Brothera, with Robert Mantell as the De Franchi twina. good actor of that dual and duel role. Mantell's revival of the piece has the advantage of new scenery, costumes, and a big masked ball scene.

"A Legal Holiday," the latest local piece interpreted

by Wild and Collyer, has not only proved a good and profitable holiday bill at the Cornedy, but it will very likely be used by that pair of comedians as their chief play for some time to come. Its authors are George I. Stout and Themas E. Fowers, neither of whom is a novice with the play pen. "A Legal Holiday" may be said to be the best of the pieces that Wild and Collyer have yet produced, and, like its predecessor, it follows in the familiar wake of the Harrigan drama-Neither the plot nor the characterization stamped with anything startling or novel. The former is easy to follow mentally, and the latter are associated with such a number of humorous and diverting things that the general effect is pleasant. Mary Ann O'Brien, an Irish cook, who rules a quiet German family by virtue of an eccentric will, made by a deceased relative of her employer's, the central figure. Annie Mack impersonates this role successfully in her usual careful and intelligent way. Wild and Collyer are again seen in burnt-cork parts, the former as Mudison Snooglake, President of the South Fifth Avenue Coterie, and a "colored genti'man, sah, and the latter as Pauline Cottle, a dark-skinned soubrette and Snowfake's best girl Harry A Fisher, funny Charles McDonaid, sprightly Camille Cleveland, the two authors and about a dozen others portray the minor characters with equal discretion and force. The interpolated songs are clever, and the bumorous bits are frequent and generally spicy. "A Legal Holiday" will probably last well into the spring time.

I-Am, the Mastodonic Hog.

Hundreds upon hundreds of people of both saxes, and of all ages and conditions, have guessed at the weight of the mammoth hog. I-Am, at Worth's Mu seum during the past week. There are three prizes to be awarded, and the balloting is still in progress. Full particulars of the height, length, and girth of this mon-ster of the porcine world are extended free to eigh voier, who can cast as many ballots as he or she pos-sesses tickets. This guessing match is becoming inter-esting. "timess early and often," is the motto of the management, and patrons should act accordingly. Other attractions in the curio halls this week includ-Gen. Turner and John the curio halls this week includ-gen. Turner and John the curio of the curio with an action boy: Carlos Crawford, it theoree Williams, and the boy: Carlos Crawford, ivan D. Griof, the Nel-sona Capi A. H. Hogardin and sun, and others. Joyce and Carlol's specialty company have been engaged to give hourly entertainments on the singe. voter, who can cast as many ballots as he or she pos-

Picaty of Entertainment at Boris's Museums Manager John B. Doris puts together a long bill of fun and freaks for this week at his Barlem and signin avenue Nuseums. He has been ill during the past month with the prevalent "grip," but conductable business from his residence with no loss of energy or skill. At the Highth avenue resort the curio hail is to have an entire change of attractions, which is both thearest there will be variety programmes by a score of performer. Righth Avenue Museums. He has been til during the

The Adiroudark Garnet Mines.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: IN THE rondacks in which there is an error in regard to the

MUSIC'AND MUSICIANS.

Wagner and Cornellus, unless interfered with by th wagner and or have the Metropolitan to themselves during the current week. Monday evaning "Lohen grin" in to be repeated, Wednesday night "The Barber of Bagdad" will be given; Friday "Tristan and Isolda" the have its first performance this season, and at the matine on Saturday "The Sarbur" will have another hearing. In "Triatan," of course, Herr Vogi will be will undoubtedly have a long rest.

Priston and Frau Lehmann-Ralisch Irolds. Should Harr ogi's strength hold out, the Franco-Italian repertetre Mr. Thomas will to-morrow evening give the first of a projected series of Sunday concerts at the Lenor Lyceum. The programme arranged is of a "popular"

character, and is to include two vocal number from "Le Nozze" and a "Légende" from "Lakmé". both of which Miss Clementina de Vers will sing. Mr D'Albert's second recital of plane force music is set down for Tuesday afternoon at Steinway Hall, when the planist will perform Schumann's Fantaisia, opus

17, in C major, and the following works of Sonate, opus 6t, in B minor; Bergeuse, op. 57; Nocturne, op. 9, No. 3; Ballade, op. 28; Valse, op. 48; Two Rocturnes, op. 62, Nos. 1 and 2; Ballade, op. 47; Impromptu, op. 30; Polonaise, op 58.

Director Amberg will devote the current week to operate. The announcements of the Amberg Theatre promise a performance of "Der Eigenner Baron," for Monday; a representation of "Orpheus in der Unterweit," for Tuesday, and a production of Strauss's "Venetianische Nachte" for Wednesday, Strauss's work to be a monday of the week. is to be sung during the remainder of the week.

The next concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in this city occurs at Steinway Hall on Tuesday even ing of next week. With a view to meeting the increased demand for subscription tickets, a special ticket has been issued for the remaining three concerts of the season, on Jan. 14, Feb. 11, and March 18. It may be had of Schuberth & Co. during this week.

The tenor Gayarra, whose death at Madrid is just an nonneed by cable, was a great favorite in Spain, and won some popularity also in Paris a year or two ago by sing-ing in French at the Grand Opera. But he was not an artist that would have had great success in the States. His voice was tremnious, although it is said that of late the singer had overcome this supposititiously incurable defect; his personal apperrance was not impressive, and he was little more than conventional as an actor. Where great fondness for the Italian reper toirs exists, however, filgnor Gayarré's shortcomings were not of a character to destroy the pleasant influence of his performances, which were carried on with a high and vibrant voice, and with abundant vigor and spirit

The Metropolitan Musical Society will give a concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Thursday evening of this week. In the afternoon of the same day Mester Otto Hegner may be heard in his second piano recital at the Amberg Theatre.

The Boston Ideal Opera Company, after a prosperou week divided between Richmond and Norfelk, appea to-morrow evening at the new Lincoln Hall in Wash ington, D. C., which was opened to the public a few nights ago by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The securing of Lincoln Hall, which is equipped with a stage, scenery, and so on, was a coup d'état of Manage Foster's, who had been unable to come to terms with the Washington managers. "Lucia," "Rigoletto,"
"Trovatera," "Freschutz," and "Faust" are the
operas announced. "Trovatore," it seems, continues to draw overwhelming audiences whenever and wherever presented. Chevalier Scovel fills the part with the Boston Ideas, and has to respond to four or five calls that invariably follow his singing of "Di

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Goudoliers" are to be brought out at the Park Theatre on Tuesday evening of this week. The librette of the opera is now to be had as the music sheps, but the plane score will not be in readi ness before a fortnight has gone by. "The Gondollers" t thirty numbers, as to the attractivenes and elegance of which foreign critics are remarkably

The New York Philharmonic Club will give a concer at Chickering Hall on Tuesday evening, with the amistance of Mra. Clara H. Thoma, planist, and Mr. W. E. Bieger, tenor.

The public does not always side with the critics, and the published receipts of musical performances often show how ill founded are the predictions of the newspa-per press. The balance sheet of the Leeds triennial musical festival offers evidence of this. To meet the demands of sandry journals a few new works by native compo-ers were brought out. The figures show that Stanford's newest composition gathered an audience representing £350 while Sullivan's "Golden Legend" drew £1,010 The total expenses of the festival were £7,700, and the receipts £10,850, being upward of £3,000 to be distributed among local charities.

The Carl Rosa opera company is to add to its repertoire Baife's "Talisman" and Biset's "Pearl Pishers. Among the artists of the company known is American audiences are Mile. Zélis de Lussan, Miss Amanda Fabbris, and Mr. Barton McGuckin. Mile. Tremelli, whilem an Italian opera contraite, has joined the Car

Sir Charles Hallé and Lady Halls-Mme. Norman-Neruda up to a year or two age-are about to eali for Australia, where they are more likely to de well than to the United States. Mme. Melba, who sang with Mr. Sarris at Covent Garden last summer, has returned to French opera—her arst love, by the way, for her Buropean debut was effected in Brussels. Mmc. Sem-brich has been singing in Berlin, and it is said that the quality and range of her voice are somewhat impaired. Johann Stransa whom a Lendon contemporary very

judiciously refers to as the "only real Strausa," has brought fourth his 437th Opps, in shape of a "Kaiserwalter." Johann will be remembered as having visited the United States on the occasion of the Boston jubilee, and most people that heard him conduct one of his waitzes in Beston, or in this city, will probably admit that they have never listened to anything

Notwithstanding Mr. Mayer's ill success at the London Lyceum last summer, where he lest thirty old thousand dollars on the production of "Otello," it is understood that he proposes trying his hand at giving Italian opera in London once mere. The London World affirms that he is preparing for a season of opera and ballet at Her Majesty's in May.

The lecture by Mr. Waiter Damrosch to-morrow afternoon in the Berkeley Lyceum will relate to the second and third acts of "Slegfried." The next students' concert of the New York College of

Music will take place at Chickering Hall on Thursday

Amusements in Brooklyn.

For the first time in Brooklyn, Hoyt's "A Midnight Bel," will be given at the Park Theatre to-morrow evening. This play will prove a surprise to those who expect another farce for it is built upon broad lines, and has a dramatic basis. It has enjoyed a surgessful New York run, and now Brooklyni have an opportunity to pass judgment upon it. The scene of the piny is laid in a New England village, and the many odd yet familiar characters are received with delight by the audiences. The stage settings are said to be excellent and the company contains only the best material ob.ainable.

At the Criterion a comedy which once had a fair suc-cess at the Madison Square will be presented. "Saints and Sinners' is its title, and its persons are deputed, by the author to carry out the idea that their titles sug

casa at the Manicon Square will be presented. Sainted and Sinners' is its title, and its persons are deputed, by the author to carry out the idea that their titles suggest. The saints are very saintly and the sinners exceedingly sintul. A truly good village parson appears in the brief of the control of th

at the trank Opera House, with their trained degr:
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Charles and Carrie Money, Frank Macart, sleck wire
artist, filty Froctor, song and dance afrit terms
Rose, the midget songstress and Minnie Schult, will
take part in the week's programme at Ripp's Casino.
There will be the usual concert this evening.

Last Chance to See "The Angeles." Millet's famous masterpiece. "The Angelus," enters with the coming week upon the closing days of its combition at the American Art Galeries. The long list of other great paintings on view, conjointly with The American Will, with the departure of the latter, by setting the action the greatest enablition of the hind ever held in hith country.

THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH OURSTIONS MY BUN CORRESPONDENTS. Bid the Patti family live in a cellar in this city and solicit charity when Adelina was about 5 years old f When and where did she make her first appearance? F. H. Gaartw.

We don't find that they did. In 1850, when 7 year old. Adelina l'atti made her first appearance in public at Tripler Hall, this city. After that, until she was 11, she travelled about the country with Strakesch and Ole Buil There wouldn't have been much time for the family to live in a cellar, unless continually from ecces tricity.

Can a single man go into another State, stay there two years, return here two months before election, and vote: No; he gave up his residence here when he went to the other State intending to make his home there; he must have been a year here before he can vote again.

What is the difference between the words "sick" and Nowadays "sick" means "affected with nauses, in-clined to vomit," while "Ill" means "suffering from some aliment." But this distinction is comparatively modern: in the lible we read that "Pater's wife's mother lay sick of a fewer," in Shakespeate, Imoger in "Cymbeline," says: "I am very sick," meaning that she is not well, for later she says, "I am ill;" evidently the two words meant the same thing. Then we have "To think So brainsickly of things." Ill originally meant avil, bad; in "Macbeth," I. 5, line 21, "Ill-ness" is used, one of the earliest instances of its use to mean unwellness. Sickness is the better word of the two, in all cases.

What members of an eld family are entitled to "bear arms !"

Reares. The sons; the eldest sen, when he becomes head of the house, bears his falber's arms; the vounger sons bear the same arms "differenced," something being shown on them that is not on the original arms. That ts the English rule. A woman, if she is an heiresa bears her father's arms on a lossage, not on a shield; and she has no crest, as the men have. In this country, where there is no official regulation of the right each person chooses those that appeal to him, and preceeds to sport them. Comparatively few of the many coats of arms used in this country belong to those who carry them. Some Americans have a real right to bear arms, but their number is not large.

1. Were Northern prisoners of war, released on parois, required by the North to return to their prisons before they were regularly exchanged? 2. When did the exchange of prisoners begin? In other words, when did the North recognise the South as, a separate liovernment to the extent of exchanging prisoners? W. &. C.

1. No; they were exchanged without regard to their actual position at the time of exchange. 2. During 1881 prisoners had been exchanged in-formally, the Government refusing to recogniz-the South as a belligerent for fear of recognizing it in any way as a sovereign State. The Confederates receased 57 wounded men from Richmond, the Nerth sent then 20 men from Bedlow's Island and 37 men confined at Washington. Gen. McClernand released unconditionally to Gen. Polk three prisoners in October, 1861, on Nov. R. Gen. Grant released uncon ditionally saveral Confederate prisoners, and accepted several Federal prisoners, whom Gen. Polk gave him also unconditionally. In February, 1882, commissioners from both sides met at Norfolk, and agreed on an equa exchange of prisoners, and on Feb. 16 the agreement was ratified at Washington. Gen. Wool, for the North, and Gen. Howell Cobb, for the South, arranged a permanent plan of exchange, officer for officer, rank being assimtiated and man for man. The exchanges began tate in February, 1862. From March 18 to July 22 there were no exchanges because of a difference between the parties as to the treatment of privateersmen held by the North; finally the North yielded its point, and reafter the exchanges continued, interrupted now and again by various disagreements and misunderstand-ings. See the Annual Cyclopedias for 1861, 1862, 1863. and 1884 for full accounts of the exchanges and the points of difference.

Can you inform me of the condition of the working classes of Burope in the fourteenth and the seventeenth centuries, their moral, mental, social, and religious conditions?

G. F. D.

In the Rev. Dr. Jessop's "The Coming of the Friars (Putnams) is an essay on "Village Life in Norfolk Six Hundred Years Ago." According to this there were, early in the fourteenth century, no roads and n wheeled vehicles; the peasants who either paid a money rent for their lands and were "free" or did service for them and were "villeins," lived in stone huts without windows or chimneys. There was little salt, no sugar; honey was the only sweetener. The food was almost entirely meat: the people, from the king down, seldom changed their clothes, and skin diseases were terribly prevalent. There was almost no money; what there was the Jews held at cent, per cent interest and more. In 1286, in a single small village in Norfolk, there were 13 murdars, 16 burglaries, 5 fats! fights, 5 suicides; and in 1286 there had been 12 executions. "But," says Dr. Jessop, "I suspect that just as large a proportion of people in England could write well 600 years age as could have done so forty years are." There were some, a few, story books, for in 1316 John Senekworth, bailtiff of Nerton College, left by his will to the college three books of romances. But the life was much harder than we can imagine. The first chapter of Macaulay's history, and the first chapter of Lecky's history, will tell you about the English working classes of the seventeenth century On the continent of Europe the condition of the peas ants was about the same as in Eugland. In 1858, in France, came the Peasant's War, the uprising of the Jacquerie, put down with awful severities and crue ties. Wat Tyler's riot was some twenty years later in England. As a rule, the condition of the English peasants was rather better than that of the Europea. ants. In 1350 a master carpenter in England got three pence a day: thatchers, threepence; other wages were in prepartien. Guizot's "France." which you can get in an English translation, will tell you about the French peasants of the seventeenth century.

Is it a legislative or executive power to recognise the independence or change in the form of Government of a country?

D. ASDERSON. It is an executive power. Congress has nothing to do with fereign nations, except as the President submits treaties, declarations of war, &c., to it.

How many war ships has the United States? 2.

How large an army can the United States put in the field in case of war? 3. Can the United States prevent the war ships of any foreign power from passing the Narrows?

1. We have forty-four men-of-war, all told; this does not include the old wooden vessels. 2. Our regular army is about 26,000 strong; the militia of the various States amounts to say 100,000; volunteers new me and veterans, would bring our pessible army up to more than 1,000,000. A. For a time: until the forts at the Narrows were silenced, we could hold the bay: but we couldn't prevent the men-of-war of the leading Euro pean nations from lying out of reach of our guns and olishing the forts, laying waste Wimania, formerly

Staten Island, and then passing the Narrows. Did Sir Waiter Raisigh visit America in the expe-Sir Walter Raiegh (he had thirteen ways of spelling his name, and preferred this way to the others) never visited North America. All his expeditions to Virginia were commanded by his relatives and friends, never by

Did Edwin Booth and Henry Irving ever act together in the same play? Yes, at Mr. Irving's Lyceum Theatre, London, when alternated the parts of lago and Othello is

When does the pay of Congressmen elected at regular elections begin ? At the expiration of the terms for which the predesessors were elected. The term of the present Con-pressumen begins on March 4, 1888, and the term of the next regular Congressman will begin on March 4, 1801 by a strange provision of law, however, he will be slected sixteen months before his term begins. man is elected to succeed a Congressman who has died in office, his pay begins when his election certificate is filed with the Clerk of the House.

What would be the best way for me to obtain the po-attion of enumerator in the coming census? C. W. H. We think—we're not quite certain, but we think—that there is a Superintendent of the Census, and we've been told that his office is in Washington, D. C.—District of Columbia, you know; or perhaps you don't know. At all avents, his office isn't here in Tax Sux office. We're shumerators.

What are the individual survivors of De Long's and Greely's expeditions now doing? JEASSETTE CLUB. George W. Meiville, the second highest in rank of the De Long survivors, is Chief of the Bureau of Steam En ginearing of the Navy Department. Lieut John W. Danenhower died at the Naval Academy April 2t, 1887. What the other survivers are doing we do not know. As to the Greely expedition, Adolphus W. Greely is Unief Signal Officer of the Army, with the rank of Brigadier-General: David L. Bramard, who, with Lieut, Lockwood, reached the most northerly point yet attained, is now a Second Lieutenant of the Second Cavalry. The other survivors who are still alive are with their reg ments or in private life.

What do these words and expressions mean. Aplomb, diletante, en passant, ex cathedra, entente cordiale, inguse, mare clausum;
Aplomb is a French word, and almost means "assurance;" dilattante is Italian, and means "amateur is arts;" on passant is French, and means " by the way, in passing;" ex cathedra is Latin, meaning "with authority;" the idea comes from the Sishop's speaking es estacers from his official chair in his cathedra church. Entente cordiale is French and means "the friendly understanding or state of affairs" between two countries. Ingenue is French; an ingenue is an unsophisticated person; we apply the word to girls only. In theatrical slang, "ingenue parts" are those that Louise Dillon played at the Lycoum Theatre, that Maude Harrison played at the Madison Square Theatre, &c. Mare clausum is law Latinhanear relative of dog Latin). and means "a closed sea." Thus Bering Sea is not a closed seat the White Sea is a closed sea, I sag island Bound is if we chose to suforce our rights, a coverd sen. A closed see is one whereof the exits and entrances are held by one single nation, which is surrounded by the generosities of a single nation.

NEW THINGS IN ELECTRICITY. Very remarkable results have attended the treatment

of cancer cases by electricity in England. The operation is extremely simple. The patient is anseshetised; the current is then passed through the tumor and all the issues for some inches around it by means of fine insulated needles, so as not to injure the skin. The effects produced by the action of electricity consist in a commation of growth, gradual disappearance of pain, some shrinking and bardening of the tumor, and enarged glands followed by improved nutrition and a better state of health. The growth, as a whole, does no disappear, but remains as an inert mass, composed, in all probability, of fibrous tissue alone Dr. Farsons of the Chelsea Hospital, who has effected many cures by the adoption of this treatment, says that a repetition of the application is soldom necessary, and that in nearly every case one operation will cause atrophy of the growth. The majority of his cases have been those in which the knife had falled, or in which the disease had progressed too far for the knife. In some cases where the growth was excessive only a part could be treated at one operation. Among the advantages elaimed for this method of treatment are the following: Life may be prolonged by it indefinitely, provided that metastatic deposits had not occurred before the commencement of the treatment: nationis are notebliged to lie up for more than a day or two as a rule; they lose no blood and are not generally any weaker; the current can be passed through almost any part of the body, and thus arrest growths which could not by any possibility be

Tommy may seek convalence on his mairs health. The arrangement formatives in charge of the bail of the Atlantic Athletic Club to be held at Everett faul on Tuesday evening. Fet, 4 promise their friends a rousing good time, as they have left nothing indone to make affair one of the largest and mest successful of the season. The proceeds of this bail go toward reditting and enlarging their symmatium.

One of the most curious pedestrian events contested in England is the weight carrying race in this zame the runners carry heavy weights while competing and is becomes a question of strength and endurance as well as feetness. A recent match was made between Jack Kelly and Jack Davis for £50 and . The conditions are to race two miles, each carrying 200 pounds.

Young Thaver of Cornell College, who played half-back The big guns turned out by the English arsenals are now fitted with a device to facilitate firing at night. The ordinary sights are illuminated by a small incan-descent lamp, the rays from which, passing through a lens, are converged, so that only a minute boint or line of sight, just similar to distinguish the sight, is obtained. By means of an adjustable resistance the light can be modulated to sult the degree of darkness of the

A singular illustration of the adaptability of the electrio light in an emergency was recently afforded. In consequence of a serious strike among the gas employees in Manchester and the total failure of the gas supply, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Com pany decided to light their Victoria station, which is the largest in Manuhester, with the electric light, and within six hours of the time the order was given the most important platforms were lighted, and the whole station was brilliantly filuminated with about 250 th-candescent and a few are lamps within thirty-six hours. and yet the current had to be conveyed for a quarter o a mile, and all the necessary circuits had to be run. The company is so well pleased that steps are being taken to have the electric light fixed permanently. The opening of the first submarine telephon

Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, and is thirty-two mi long, the total length with the overhead line being 180 miles. On this line there are five intermediate stations, all of which can telephone and telegraph simultan ously with all the other stations. An electric brake, designed by Prof. Forbes, has been tested with great success on an entire train of carriages with which it has been fitted for use on a line in Russia.

The chief gain is in point of rapidity of action. A train of average length will feel the brake power throughout its length almost instantaneously as against three or four seconds required by the vacuum brake. An electric indicator of the names of railway at tions is coming into use in England. A magnetic apparatus turning a roller on which are printed the names of stations in good visible letters is fitted over the window of every carriage with an electric bell to call the attention of passengers to the change. The instru-

An official return shows that in the year 1888 the tim occupied in passing through the Suez Canal by vessels not using the electric light was 57 hours 57 minutes on the average, whereas the average time occupied by vessels using the electric light, and thus being able to nav

ments are connected in series, and are under the con

trol of the guard, who changes the names by a simple

An electric tramway is now in operation in a distiller circumference. An overhead wire is used and current is obtained from the electric light dynamos. At preent the principal use to which the railway is put is to carry the barrels of whiskey from the distillery to the bonded stores, but arrangements are being made by which the grain can be brought from place to place.

An official of a well-known telephone company says that there is no work that has such a fascination for women as operating in the central office of a telephone company. Very few of them ever leave because they are dissatisfied with the work. They go in, go through all the grades and the several increases of salary which fall to them under the length-of-service rules of the company, get married, and resign. That is about the history of a telephone girl. The pay is good and some of them get \$60 a month, but the work is very exacting. It requires constant attention, and the strain on th

grinding drugs, which is ingeniously fitted up to work by electric motor, to save labor in chemists shops, or for drug granders. The mortar or mortars to the num A vigorous crusade has been begun in England to put

A novel application of electricity is a triturator for

a stop to the system of foisting sham electrical appli-ances upon an ignorant public. A vender of "electropathic belts," which were said to cure sciatics and in numerable other aliments, has been brought into cour and punished for obtaining money under false pretences

A use of the telephone which is very suggestive as pointing to future possibilities, is reported in an English paper. The parish cierk in a Norfolk village, being prevented by rheumatic gout from attending church. was presented by the manager of the local telephone from the church to the old man's cottage, so that he and his wife could follow all the services. The old man is quite unable to hold anything so the telephone is arranged so as to fit against both his ears. He can hear anything in the church quite clearly, and if a book is dropped or if any one coughs the sound is as distinctly heard as if he were in the building.

A very valuable reflector for the light of the incandescent lamp is now being used. It consists of a confcal globe of fine flint glass, rounded and frosted at the base, the upper sides being of clear glass, covered by hand with burnished silver in such a way that it will never tarnish or exidize. The convex base is of frosted giass, which so breaks up the rays that although the glass, which so breaks up the rays that although the mass of light proceeding from it is considerably more than twice as powerful and bright as that coming from the lamp ordinarily, it is not only less dazsling, but it is absolutely soft and pleasant to the eyes. It is said that the process of the considerable of the conside

Rifle bullets are now photographed in their course by means of the electric spark. The camera is taken into a dark room, which the bullet is caused to traverse. As tes the camera it is made to interrupt an electric frouit and produce a spark, which illuminates it for an instant and enables the impression to be taken. wave of condensation in the air before the builst and the rarefaction behind it are visible in the photograph, and can be studied by experts, thus enabling the form of bail or rife which minimizes the resistance of the air to be selected.

In an entertainment given at a village in Illinois a few nights ago a novel use of incandescent lamps was made. Several young ladies gave a drill in military costume. Their beimets were surmounted with three moundescent lights with red, white, and blue globes In certain parts of the drill the lamps were suddenly liluminated, and the effect was striking. The means by which this was accomplished was extremely simple. A converter was placed on the outside of the building which the hall was located. The secondary wires ran under the floor to brass plates about three inche square, arrange; in twos ou the stage floor. From th lamps on the young ladies' he mets concealed where ran down to little brass plates in the heels of the shoes. After concluding a series of evolutions each young lady would come to astand in the front of the slage, and plant her beels firmly on the plate on the stage. The lights would firsh up and contribute greatly te the general effect.

A new system of hanging electric wires over the streets is proposed by a Milwaukee electrician. A wrought iron arch will span the street between every pair of poles to keep them from curving or breaking and to prevent the wire from sagging. The cross wire will be supported by two properly insulated wires sus pended from the arch. Goard wires will be hung from the arches par-diel with and above the fraction wires, so that it a telegraph or telephone wire happens to break it will not fail on the heavily charged wire.

An improved search light consists of a powerful are light, usually of about 25,000 candle power, contained in a metal cylinder about thirty inches high by twenty four to thirty inches in diameter, one end of which is closed by a allvered concave reflecting lens. The ap-paratus is on a pivot, so that it may be revolved around the centre and elevated and depressed at will. As ord the centre and severate and depresent a six marriy used the beam of light projected from the cylinder is so concentrated that at a distance of 1,000 yards from the sight if limitates at at new pabout fitted yards in which where the path can be widered. A search light of "two ranges is supposed to reveal objects at a distance of two and a half miles.

A New Word Recommendeds TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "Mease

is a singular liebrew word which should be introduced, for in a dozen different ways it filly can be used. For instance, if you have "the blues," say simply. messe. Things look "messe" if frade is dull or you are not happy. A very honely girl you mest is very messe, you know "My Jove! this weather is messe. You grow in rather slow.

In short, who ever thous not please the senses or the mind is "messe."

And so, when for a Str. to buy
You vainly lifteen news stands try.
You think, when you, discouraged, ceals,
"No Sus to-day! Well, that is meess."

WHAT WE ARE ALL TALKING ABOUT Gently of Sports With Arms and Logs, The Crescent Athletic Cith will have their annua dinner at their club house, Montagus and Clinton stresse on Jan. 11. The French newspapers are printing a story to the Sect that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stows was recently found by relatives singing hymns in the streets of Hart-ford to a group of gamina, who pelted her with stones,

are to race two miles, each carrying 200 pounds. Young Thayer of Cornell College, who played half-back against Tails so effectively, is probably the best all-around athlete in his college. He holds the university record for the running broad jumn, is champton angle sculler, and has rowed on two varsity crews. He is a good man on the wheel, one of the best of aprinters, holds the second best record of the college in lifting weights and is a certain winner of the hammer and shot events of his college.

ocal cinuer paths.
It is rungred that the Berkeley Athletic Club will make a strong bid for the club championship the coming year. As is well known, they have the fastest team if amateur bicyclists in the ceunity, but Dr. While's midlion cum to a championship athletic seun and no

ainly no one is better qualified for the task.

The swimming match in London between Charles Beckwith and D Daiton eame to somewhat of an abrupt ermination on the morning of the third day. Daiton estuding to swim, giving as his reason that the water as the time amounced for the start and swam for s min which time amounced for the start and swam for s min which the context The match was for Live side, and the constitutions were to swim on the back five hours each lay for all days, the one traversing the greatest disk for the start of the start of

merica, but sporting men here do not knew who he

America, but sporting men acre to not answ who her The Olympic Athletic Club of San Francisco will have a grand opening of their new grounds on Washington Birthday. In considering the programme to be pre-sented, the directors partly resolved to introduce number of prefessional events, in addition to the am-tour games. It is thought that this plan, will attract

The mild weather on New Year's Day enabled to fresh Air Club to induige in a mountain ramble, and weak-ra men with neither anow nor mud. They jeft it brand Central Depet at S.A. M., disembarking at Pil, til village Several of the party has brought skales, he hope of finding ice, but the warm and depelled on

lete entering will be abruptly asked his business and should he display any disposition to linger about Mr. Sullivan will at once ory "Tirk". At this signal the entire staff of the office, assisted by the James Murre Hase Bail Debating Society will at once fall upon the rommon enemy, and he will be unceremoniously sjected, Should they appear in numbers and ofter reastance the garrison will be supplied with Editor Caylor's latest Jokes. Affairs look rather discouraging for the athletes at present, but they are by no means out of the night, and a flank movement may be looked for that will reverse the present situation. The issue of the approaching battle will be awaited with interest.

and a fank movement may be loosed for that will reverse the present situation. The issue of the approaching battle will be awaited with interest.

A general mesting of the Amateur Athletic Association of Great Britain was held at the Grand Hotel, Colmore row. Birmingham, on Dec. 18. There was a fall attendance of delegates. The appeal by three members of the Highpate Harriers, against their suspension by the Bouthern Committee for suspicious running in a 324 yard members' race on Oct. 5 was not entertained. The following records of the year ware passed: 2.0 yards. B. H. Pelling, 189 seconds: 460 yards, H. J. Hindall, 485 saconds: 867 yards and the property of the High and the second of the year ware passed: 2.0 yards, B. H. Pelling, 189 seconds: 140 yards, H. J. Hindall, 485 saconds: 867 yards they are more passed: 2.0 yards, B. H. Pelling, 180 seconds: 180 yards, H. J. H. J. Hindall, 485 yasonds: 867 yards, H. J. H. H. B. Sacrey, 180 feet of the A. A. A. champlonships, held at Stanford Bridge during the present year was submitted by the Secretary, and Showed a truth of 175 to 64. The Palaric sheet for the A. A. A. champlonships, held at Stanford Bridge during the present year was submitted by the Secretary, and Showed a truth of 175 to 64. The Furtismouth Histories, and Showed a truth of 175 to 64. The Furtismouth Histories, and the year was submitted by the Secretary, and Showed a truth of 175 to 64. The Furtismouth Histories of the Stanford Histories of the Histories of the Stanford Histories of the Histories of the Stanford Histories of the Histori

to return the price won by him at Besson, having been obtained by misicating into mation. The championships for 1840 were fixed for Asion lower grounds, lifteningham. The amateur definition as relating to the army championship at the Aldershit sports was decided by twelve votes to four to be waived in this instance only to allow of officers competing against privates who may be professionals. It was decided to recommend to the general meeting to institute a black book, wherein to record defaulters who do not pay club subscriptions. The proposed new laws relating to youtles races and licensing of handicappers were referred to a sub-committee (three from each division), and the date of the general meeting of the Association was fixed for the boat race day in London.

dinner as their olub house. Montagus and Clinton strests on Jan. 14.

The members of the Admitic Athletts Club will have a stross desirer; run to-morrow afterason at 2 F. M. at Fort George.

Ed Holske and John Brewer have done nothing in Australia as yet. Holske has issued a challenge to Boots, the Australian walken, for a twenty-five-mile walk.

The Entertainment Committee of the New York Athlette Club have decided to give sering silver mediate for the second orizes in the boaring tourney of the didu, which will be held in the club gymnastum on Jan. 14.

The twelfth annual dinner of the Manhattan Athletic Club will be eaten in the pariors of the club house at 124 fifth a venue to-night, and the event promises to mark another social success in the club a history.

Motierry, the clever boxer of the Siar Athletic Club, who won the A. A. U. light weight championship, will not compete at the Yarnan's tournament. Movierry is a builder, and eays he cannot spare the requisite time from his work necessary to get 1100 perfect physical condition.

At the annual election of the Hornbacker Athletic and that she has been placed under restraint as insans. Among the passengers on a ferryboat going to New Jersey the evening before New Year's Day was a woman

carrying on one arm a big basket from the top of which three dentionas protruded, and under the other arm a large and possilarly unmanageable buildies. Her endeavors to carry her cargo without getting a lim to one side or the other interested the other passengers. and everybody was watching when she arose as the ressel neared the dock and attempted to navigate to ward the door. The basket caught in a man's knees, and before she could swing berself out of the way some-thing caught the bundle and gave that shove The woman clutched it desperaisty, and, after some wrascondition.

At the annual election of the Hornbacker Athletic Club, the following officers were elected for 1850; Freedenk, James Moltate, Vices President, U. Hothner, Treasurer, Cecar Hornbacker; ecording Secretary, John Schavel; Sergeant-at-Arma, Louis Herder. tling, got her balance and sailed on, but in the throes of the struggle a big lemon pie had slipped out of the package and was left behind in the middle of the cabin floor. Nobody stepped in it, and as the woman didn't segment-at-Arma, Louis Herder.
Tommy Conneil's family are surely distressed over his
liness, and the Manhatan Athietic Cliu have received
hires cablegrams from his father alnoe the popular little
tunner, such at the little cliud of the content of the
unner in Ireland, and it is not at all improbable that
commy may seek couvalescence on his mative heats. seem to miss it the deck hands probably enjoyed that part of the woman's New Year's Day feast.

A Jersey Central local train was just starting out after a stop at Elizabeth the other day when two women rushed out of the waiting room and ran to get aboard Haif way up the steps one of them turned sud-denly, and with a wild scream cried:
"My bundle oh, my bundle! Conductor, wait till I so set my hundle!"

go get my hundle!"

She boited for the watting room, and in a moment reappeared - ith a bundle under her arm, and the funny
part of it was that the conductor really had waited for her and the train was held until she and her bundle were safely aboard.

One of the stories that went around at Tim Campbell's Oriental Club banquet the other night was the one Mr. Campbell's alleged remark to Tweed when the latter, then in the height of power, had caused to be offered to Campbell an Immense sum if he would join the Tweed ranks.

"Mr. Tweed," Campbell is said to have said, "you're a good fellow and I like you, but you can't get anything out of me; I'll be up here at Albany yet when you're be-hind the bars." After Tweed's fall and when his residence in Ludlow

street lail made him a constituent of Campbell's, the two men struck up a great friendship, and Campbell used to go around to the jail evenings and ulay cards with the old man. Tweed himself then spoke of Campbell's remarks of several years before and talked mourn fully of the fulfillment of the prediction

"They're the most miscrable and contemptible set of men you ever laid eyes on," said Assemblyman Martin the other night, speaking of the average of the lobby at Albany. "They don't frouble men who have been there several years as I have, but they lay for the new mem bers and the green ones. When the session opens they will hank around these fellows and pick up a friendship with them, taking them out to dinners, playing cards, and things like that. After a while a bill that somebody wants passed comes up, and these fellows will hint around until they find out how the new member stands upon it. If he is going to vote a certain way, they will go to the man who looks after the interests of that side of the matter, and will claim to be able to deliver the new member's vote for so much. They make their har gain, and when the new member, who knows nothing of all this, votes just as he was going to do from the first, the lobbyist goes around and gets his money; the goods have been delivered. Presently there is a scan-dal, and the new member finds his name on a list of those for whose vote somebody has paid a lot of money. There are a score of fellows banging around Albany who get each two or three new members in tow in this way, and make a comfortable living off of the alleged sale of their votes, without the members having the slightest idea of what is going on."

Now that all the presents have been given and recaived, every one has made the discovery that it has become fashionable to give only presents that were made by the giver, or, at least, that have received some ouches from the hand of the giver. It is a pleasant fashion, and cheaper, too.

"The number of London whims which are rapidly being adopted in New York," said the steward of one of the White Star steamers the other day, "shows that a good deal of the spreadengieism which we used to exhibit is disappearing. I do not refer to such terms as haberdasher, and so on, but to the transfer to this compary of various forms of businesses which have a recognized standing in London. We have now a parcels delivery system here which is modelled to a large extent on that in use across the water, and in time we shall have one of the greatest booms to business and social life in the English wetropolis. I refer to the system by which one can prepay an answer to a telegram. This is a great convenience in England for a number of reasons. One can ask questions anywhere, and of total strangers, without embarrassment. For instance, if the system were in vogue here and a man wished to find out whether there were accommodations for him on the Chicago limited, he would senn a wire direct to the rail-road office and prepay an answer of ten words. Then the boy who delivers the message takes along a blank addressed to the sender, and all the cierk in the office had to do would be to scribble yes or no across the blank. If the answer was yes that answer would be as good as a coupon for a berth up to the time that the train started. Again, it often occurs that one wishes to get hold of bits of information from strangers. For in stance, I wanted last night to know where John Stetson might be found in New York. If we had had the pre-paid telegraphic system I could have wired direct to the Boston Theatre and prepaid the answer. As it was I knew no one there, and did not feel justified in asking a total stranger to pay for a selegra m to me. I am told that there is a ladies' guide association here after the fashion of the London establishment, and there is a lictionary of New York made after the fashion of the dictionary of London; a parcels delivery company is well established here, and so are many companies and organizations that have long been in existence across

considered speeches" remarked a distinguished dra matic playwright yeaterday, "when the public still laughs entirely through the eye? Shakespeare is not to be considered in the same category with Hoyt as far as medy is concerned. You may write the most brilliant and humorous speech in the world, and I will put it in the mouth of the greatest comedian on earth, yet an audience will not begin to laugh half so much over these combined efforts of genius as it will when one character pulls a chair out from another on the stage. Thus far that has been the highest point attainable in the pursuit of humor by dramatists, and I doubt if we shall ever get beyond it."

Though the experience is common enough to New Yorkers who attend the so called French balls it was a decided novelty for the society women who graced the New Year's entertainment of Mr. Mcallister to come out into the clear, mobilitatreets at 30 clock in the morning, and discover in Tan Scs. which was thrust in their hands, the entire history of the ball, which was still going on. Many of the late stayers at Mr. McAllisters trimmphal accial function gathered in the corridors of the Metropolitan Opera House, and compared the pictures of the paironesses of the ball in the different papers, as well as the details about the ball, as they waited for their carriages. Such an entire anufhilation of time as this feature of newspaper work in New York presented was an amazing thing to people who do not as a rule give up much time to the study of journalistic work. Hather a significant remark was uttered by one of the managers of the ball. He held a little package of morning papers in his left hand, and said, with a meaning smile

"This is what has absolutely routed and killed weekly society journalism in New York. There will never be another society paper here."

The latest odd thing in jewelry is a bracelet of gold wire with a gold toad from half an inch to an inch and a half long in the attitude of hopping along one side of It. The gold of the toad is treated so as to have a green ish cast and the effect is very startling and unpleasant, but the bracelet sells rapidly.

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—S. B. Schuck, Associate Judge, Hummel's Wharf, Pa.

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Caraway, N.C.

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after trying other medicines, from which
I derived no benefit, took Ayer's Cher-

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